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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR TRINITY CARE SENIOR LIVING

**PORT LAVACA, TEXAS, January 25, 2006**—Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Community Program Director, today presented a ceremonial check to Trinity Care Senior Living of Port Lavaca, Inc. for \$5,175,000 through the agency's Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program. The grant funds will be used to construct a new 51,000 square foot assisted living facility in Port Lavaca, Texas. The facility will consist of 62 residential units that will employ a support staff to assist the residents in performing daily activities and provide three meals a day. It will be a Type "B" personal care residence licensed by the State of Texas.

"USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities Program helps rural communities keep pace with the needs of their rising populations," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director. "Rural residents can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance the quality of life for all rural residents."

In Fiscal Year 2005, \$5.1 million in Community Facility Guaranteed Loans were obligated in Texas. Funds are used to enhance the quality of life for residents of rural areas by providing the means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development's Community Programs have awarded \$1.8 billion for these purposes, and touched the lives of more than 1.16 million households in the process.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 to serve Texas' more than 3.6 million rural residents. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Edna Local Office at (361) 782-7151, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.



(Left to Right) Mayor Allen Tharling, Port Lavaca  
Jim Franer, Trustmark Bank  
Dr. Time Smith, Senior Pastor, Alamo Heights Baptist Church  
Gary Broz, City Manager, Port Lavaca  
Paco Valentin, Community Programs Director, USDA Rural Development  
Donald W. Sapaugh, President/CEO, Trinity Care Senior Living  
Joe M. Wiley, President, Trinity Care Senior Living of Port Lavaca, Inc.

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